

99. In the Poona Division the bábul reserves were treated in the same way as in the Ahmednagar Division, and the statement given below shows a comparison between area of bábul coupes exploited in 1895-96 and 1896-97 :—

Range.	Area clear-felled.		REMARKS.
	1895-96.	1896-97.	
	A. g.	A. g.	
Bhimthadi ...	34 17	64 3	
Dhond ...	54 13	194 1	
Haveli ...	17 31	12 6	
Indápur ...	4 4	72 0	
Sirur ...	39 21	63 38	
Total ...	150 6	406 8	

100. The subjoined statement gives the area of occupied lands outside forest boundaries cleared of royalty trees during the year in the Poona Division :—

Range.			Area.	REMARKS.
			A. g.	
Ambegaon ...	...	...	1,608 29½	
Haveli ...	...	...	466 11	
Junnar ...	...	...	1,447 22	
Khed ...	...	...	530 0	
Purandhar ...	...	...	1,654 16	
Total ...	...	...	5,706 38½	

101. Under this head the bábul forests in the Tásgaon Range of the Sátára Division were exploited under the provisions of a working plan prepared by Mr. Fagan; and in like manner in the Sholápur Division the bábul coupes only were subjected to this process of felling. During the year only 2 coupes were sold, viz., the Bale Kuran of Sholápur city and Mohol. The following statement gives the result of these two sales :—

Coupe.			Area.	Cubic contents.	Price.	REMARKS.
			Acres.		Rs.	
Bale Kuran ...	...	...	33	8,500	2,200	
Mohol... ..	...	...	12	1,500	100	
Total ...	...	...	45	10,000	2,300	

(2).—*Selection Fellings.*

102. In the Násik Division such fellings have now been abolished generally, but in order to make up the quantity of wood due to a contractor only 20 khandis of tiwas (*Ougeinia dalbergioides*) were felled by him, the trees having been selected and marked.

103. In the Poona Division 3,005 cubic feet of timber were given as free grants, the trees to be felled being selected and marked by the Range Forest Officer.

104. In the Sátára Division 367 poles in the Pátan and Mahábalesh-var ranges were felled by selection and, when sold, realized a sum of Rs. 196 only.

(3).—*Improvement Fellings and* (4).—*Coppice Fellings.*

105. In the East Khándesh Division one coupe in the Chálisgaon and two in the Edlabad Range were sold on foot and exploited under this system, the

trees for removal having been marked previously. Departmental working had to be resorted to in rest of the coupes where there was a chance of the felled material being sold, and in order to satisfy local demands. Thorns and a small quantity of firewood were permitted to be removed from some coupes by merchants.

106. In the Dhulia Range of the West Khándesh Division coppice fellings of anjan (*Hardwickia binata*) will be throughout the whole of the first revolution improvement fellings in the strictest sense of the term, for all young and promising trees are reserved for another revolution; crooked and unsound trees only being felled and removed after a fair number of seed-bearers have been reserved.

107. In the Násik Division coupes were laid out under the system of coppice with standards in Nándgaon, Igatpuri and Násik ranges, and in the Peint Range teak trees, 200,625 in number, standing upon occupied lands outside of sanctioned forest boundaries, were sold to purchasers to fell and remove.

108. In the Ahmednagar Division fellings of teak and jambul (*Eugenia*) were made in the Sangamner and Akola ranges for their improvement, only such trees being retained as are likely to become mature, and seeds are scattered over the compartments after it has been worked out:—

No.	Range.	No. of Trees.	YIELD.		Cost.	Receipts.	Cost per 100 trees.	Receipts per 100 trees.	REMARKS.
			Rafters.	Firewood.					
	<i>Teak.</i>			C. ft.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
1	Sangamner	3,760	6,933	3,510	113 3 9	1,242 12 6	3 0 0	33 0 0	310 pieces were kept for wire fence at Kolhewadi.
	<i>Jambul.</i>								
	Ditto	2,850	7,901	2,050	68 14 3	.....	2 7 0	...	Not sold.
2	<i>Teak.</i>								
	Akola...	10,231	8,032	3,510	412 3 0	219 14 0	4 0 0	28 6 0	9,456 teak trees or 7,433 pieces and 1 Fire-wood 3,105 cubic feet were not sold.
	Total	16,841	22,866	9,070	594 5 0	1,462 10 6	...	...
	Total of Teak...	13,991	14,965	7,020	525 6 9	1,462 10 6	3 8 0	30 8 0	
	Total of Jambul ...	2,850	7,901	2,050	68 14 3	.....	2 7 0	...	

109. In the like manner in the Poona Division the teak forests were worked for their improvement, the areas exploited during the year are distributed thus:—

No.	Range.	Area.	REMARKS.
		A. g.	
1	A'mbegaon	276 35	
2	Háveli	288 38	
3	Junnar...	196 2	
4	Khed	168 25	
5	Purandhar	167 34	
	Total	1,098 14	

110. In the Sátára Division improvement fellings under the Working Plans prescriptions were carried out in the workable forests of the "Teak-region" and in the evergreen forests of the Mahábaleshvar Range.

(5).—*Unregulated Fellings.*

111. The exploitation of timber, firewood, bamboos and other forest produce from the Sátápuda forests by Bhil and privilege-holders may be classed under this head.

112. At present in the West Khándesh Division the major portion of the fellings comes under this head: there are still a large number of royal trees, especially teak, standing on lands outside the boundaries of reserved forests.